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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
AKIYOSHI KAWAOKA, ET AL. : ATTN: BOX SEQUENCE  
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FOR: NOVEL VECTOR AND METHOD :  
OF CONSTRUCTING  
TRANSFORMANT PLANT USING  
THE VECTOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Notification of Defective Response mailed March 5, 2007, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.